

St Simon Zelotes



MORNING PRAYER ONLINE

Sunday 25 January 2026

10.00am

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Welcome

Hymn

Be thou my vision

(Children in Year 9 and under leave for Sunday School and Crèche during this hymn)

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought in the day and by night;
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father and I thy true heir;
Thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my armour, and be thou my might,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4 Riches I heed not, nor all the world's praise;
Thou mine inheritance, through all my days;
Thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

5 High King of heaven, when battle is done,
Grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish (c. 8th century); Trans. Mary Byrne (1880-1931) and Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)
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Sentence of Scripture

Exhortation

Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

Absolution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Responses

O Lord, open thou our lips.

All: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Please stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

All: The Lord's name be praised.



Choir: Psalm 67

¹ God be merciful unto us, and bless us
and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

² That thy way may be known upon earth
thy saving health among all nations.

³ Let the people praise thee, O God
yea, let all the people praise thee.

⁴ O let the nations rejoice and be glad
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

⁵ Let the people praise thee, O God
let all the people praise thee.

⁶ Then shall the earth bring forth her increase
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

⁷ God shall bless us
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.



First reading: Acts 9:1-20

¹ Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'

⁵ 'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked. 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. ⁶ 'Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.'

⁷ The men travelling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, 'Ananias!' 'Yes, Lord,' he answered. ¹¹ The Lord told him, 'Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.' ¹³ 'Lord,' Ananias answered, 'I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.'

¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, 'Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.' ¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord – Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here – has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptised, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



Second reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. ¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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The Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



Responses

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

All: And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.

All: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

All: And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

All: And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

All: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect for the Conversion of Saint Paul

O God, who through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may shew forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Morning Collects



Anthem

How lovely are the messengers

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands
their glad tidings.

Words: Romans 10: 15 & 18. Music: Felix Mendelssohn.
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Intercessions

Notices



Hymn

I heard the voice of Jesus say

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
 thy head upon my breast."
 I came to Jesus as I was,
 so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
 And he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Behold, I freely give
 the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down, and drink, and live."
 I came to Jesus, and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
 and all thy day be bright."
 I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
 till trav'ling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889); CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Sermon

Acts 9:1-20

'Let there be Light!: The Conversion of Saul'

Joe Ammoun



Hymn

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

We take a collection during this hymn. People give in a variety of ways. Some may not be in a position to give. Please pass the plate on if that is appropriate for you. If you are a taxpayer, please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes in your pew, completing the information on the front. You can also give using the card reader located at the back of the church.

1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
was blind, but now I see.

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

v. 1-4: John Newton (1725-1807); v. 5: John Rees (1828-1900) CCLI Licence No. 1891688

Blessing

Organ Voluntary

Sonata no 2 in C minor (Allegro maestoso - Fuga) - Felix Mendelssohn

Notices

Church Supper and Guest Service – Sunday 25 January

This evening, there will be an informal church supper after the evening service. The whole church family and friends are invited. The service beforehand will include a talk aimed at those exploring or sceptical about Christian faith and will have guests particularly in mind. If you are able to bring food or wine, or be on the welcome team, please get in touch with Beurre/Sophie at sophie.butterfield@ssz.org.uk.

Breakfast before Morning Service

Delicious breakfast will be served in church on **Sunday 1 February from 9.15 am**. All welcome.

Hour of Prayer

Our next church hour of prayer will take place on **Monday 2 February from 8-9.15pm**, in the church building. Do join us as we start with coffee and cake and then spend an hour praying for the needs of the world and the church.

An evening with Lord McColl

On Thursday 12 February, St Simon's is hosting an evening with Lord Ian McColl, in conversation about Christian faith and his life as a surgeon, professor and parliamentarian. The evening begins at 7pm and will include an interview, audience Q&A, and refreshments afterwards. The event is for the congregation and friends, and we encourage you to invite others. There's no need to register or sign up. For a e-flyer for the event, see here. For questions, please contact Liv Jani at liv.jani@ssz.org.uk.

Prayer pairs and triplets

If you would be interested in regularly meeting with one or two other men or women to pray for one another, share honestly, and point each other to Christ, but you don't know who to ask or where to start, please get in touch with Joe at joe.ammoun@ssz.org.uk (for men) or Zannie at zannie.ammoun@ssz.org.uk (for women). No one will be 'put' in a group, but we will help make connections between those who are interested and support any new pairs or triplets that then decide to start with advice on how to get going.

Women's Bible Study

On Friday 13 February we will have our monthly Bible study group at Joe and Zannie's flat (Flat 3, 51 Lennox Gardens). It will be an opportunity for women of all ages and stages to come together to encourage one another, and to spend some time thinking through the previous week's passage and sermon. Pre-school children and babies are very welcome. The group takes place on the second Friday of each month. For more details, and to signal an interest in coming, please get in touch with Zannie on zannie.ammoun@ssz.org.uk.

Weekly email

Associate Vicar Joe Ammoun sends out a weekly email letter each Wednesday with church family news and a short reflection. If you don't currently receive this but would like to, please get in touch with Gloria at gloria.skelsey@ssz.org.uk.